

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the text of the specification in accordance with the following:

In the Title on page 1,

Please replace the original title with the following substitute title:

APPARATUS [AND METHOD] FOR MANUFACTURING ENCAPSULATED PRODUCTS

On page 11,

Lines 9 through 15 (actual), please replace the paragraph with the following:

(*amended*) There is further disclosed 45 an apparatus for applying a polymer to a substrate comprising:

- a) means to melt said polymer on demand;
- b) pump means to transport the molten polymer to an extrusion device;
- c) reservoir means disposed to dispose between said means to melt said solid polymer and said extrusion device; and
- d) at least one casting drum.

On page 18,

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 12 and ending on page 19, line 2 with the following replacement paragraph:

(*amended*) Figure 4 is another melt-on-demand device that is more specifically known as a drum unloader 80. This particular device has the solid film-forming material 55 gallon drum 96. This drum sits upon a base 94. The melt-on-demand device 80 further comprises a motor 82, a gear box 86, connected to a

shaft 90 which in turn is then connected to a pump 100 and a distribution manifold 102. A tie bar 84 communicates with pneumatic cylinders 92 and ties rods 88 to have the entire unit move up and down in a vertical fashion. The platen or melt grid 98 is heated and melts the solid film-forming material in the drum 96 which is forced into the pump 100 ~~49~~ cavity and out through the distribution manifold 102. Representative of such melt-on-demand devices are the Dynadrum 55 manufactured by ITW Dynatec of Hendersonville, TN; Uniflow Product manufactured by Industrial Machine Manufacturing, Inc. of Richmond, Virginia; and Robotech AG of Switzerland.

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Lines 13-14, please replace the paragraph